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PURSUIT AND CRIMINAL INCIDENTS IN DODGE COUNTY

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office assisted Lomira Police Department in investigating a suspicious incident shortly after noon on Monday, May 17, 2021, in the Village of Lomira. The incident led to two separate traffic pursuits in the northeast portion of the county, along with other criminal incidents. The suspect was eventually located in the City of Fond du Lac and taken into custody.

At about 12:23 PM, residents in Lomira reported a man on a motorcycle was on their property and told them he was running from the police. The man was driving through residential yards in the area. A sergeant from the sheriff's office was nearby and was flagged down by multiple people reporting the same thing. He located the suspect cycle and tried to stop it and a pursuit was initiated but terminated when the suspect began driving off-road.

A short time later, another resident in the area reported the motorcyclist came to their residence in rural Leroy and stole their property under threat of force and prevented them from calling 911, before fleeing the area. In the following hours, deputies followed up on leads reporting the cycle in various nearby areas acting suspiciously.

At about 3:03 PM, another sheriff's office sergeant observed the cycle committing additional traffic violations and tried to stop it. It again fled at high speeds. It was confirmed that this was the same suspect as earlier. This second pursuit was terminated as it entered Fond du Lac County. A short time later, the cycle was reported to have crashed in the City of Fond du Lac. A suspect matching the description of the driver was found inside of a business and taken into custody by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office, Fond du Lac Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol. Custody of the suspect was turned over to the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and he will be held at the Dodge County Jail on a probation hold pending the completion of the investigation.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office appreciates the assistance from the Lomira Police Department, Brownsville Village Marshal, Fond du Lac County Sheriff, Fond du Lac Police Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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